(b) and (c) There is no such proposal for the present.

Allocation of funds of public sector steel plants

1345. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA; SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that capa city utilisation is the sole criterion for allocation of funds to the public sector steel plants; and

(b)if so, what are the details reof?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI K. C. PANT); (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Suspension of Production at the Sindri Fertilizer Factory

1346. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the production ha.3 been suspended at 1he Sindri Fertiliser Factory of the Fertilizer Corporation of India Limited with effect from November last year:

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether major cracks in the turbine casing of the main compressor of the ammonia plant was xhe reason for suspension;

(d) what is th$_e$ general life span of i. such a component and for what period it had worked smoothly;

(e) which firm had manufactured the component of the plant; and

(f) with whom the order has been Placed to procure $_a$ new component?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH)-(a) to (c) Yes, Sir. I$_n$ November, 1985 after the annual turn-around, some steam leakage wa$_s$ observed under the insulation of the main steam-turbine. On 11th November, the Syn. gas compressor was stopped and the turbine insulation was op ed to locate the source of leakage. A crack was found in the top casing of the steam turbine. The turbine was then dismantled when more cracks were found in the casing. The plant could not, therefore, be run after 11th November. The FCI Management appointed a Committee of Experts to investigate the failure. As per the Committee's observations, the chief reasons for the development of the cracks appear to be the assymetrical heating of the casing caused by the start-up pro-cedures, and the inherent properties of the basic materials used on weld-joints in the casting assembly.

(d) Under normal circumstances, the life of the equipment is about 15—20 years. This particular machine has been in actual operation for about six years.

(e) and (f) The machine was supplied by BHEL and the order for the new cas'ng of the turbine has also been placed on them.

Shifting of the Central Government Offices

1347. SHRI J. P. GOYAL; Wilt the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state the name? of the Central offices shifted outside Delhi during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MTNTSTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): The under-mentioned offices of the Central Government have